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Sent: Thur 6/30/2016 1:45:43 PM
Subject: RE: AIS PRP chapter

Hi Ash and Jamie

Thanks for your help with our section of the report to the parties.

During our call with Ash yesterday, we decided that Ash would take a stab at reorganizing the report so that the new order is maintained, the comments on details are maintained, and so that the Asian carps components are moved back to their original locations under the commitment headings. We proposed that we would develop a story box which would have text and a photo(s) to highlight the Asian carp story. Ash is going to provide us back a new draft to work with.

Todd, Mike, Mike Weimer, and I met this morning to discuss the story box idea. We propose to write a narrative that highlights how we have focussed on the commitments under the GLWQA to prevent Asian carp including risk assessment, pathway risk assessment and management, early detection, rapid response, regulation, outreach, and science. Once we have the draft back we will put the story box together for your review and input. Any thoughts about the structure or size of the story box addition to our report based on your efforts with other annexes and your insights would be appreciated.

We will look for your guidance about the Public Forum presentation, which Ash suggested we will see in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, we will start our thinking about that presentation based on Ash's comments that it will be more public friendly, telling the story of aquatic invasive species with a focus on Asian carps for the public focussing on what has been done, indicator information, and our priorities for future work.

Thanks again for your help.

Gavin

From: Christie, Gavin C
Sent: June 28, 2016 2:27 PM
To: 'Turner, Todd'; Hoff, Michael
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Subject: RE: AIS PRP chapter

Hi Todd, Mike, Ash, and Jamie,

I am afraid to say that I am not alright with this revision.

I do not think that the Asian Carp elements should be separated as they have been in this draft. The problem is that the majority of all our efforts have been on Carp – thus, the reorganization takes away from the description of progress on the commitments in the Annex. We could absolutely develop a picture story box about Asian carps – I think it would be interesting and easy to put something together that informs the chapter and brings emphasis.

The new version does include some things that could be included – the Lake Superior monitoring initiative, new lamprey pheromones – but these should be moved to binational efforts because they involve both countries.

There are new detailed elements included in the US report. We will have to balance those more detailed additions with similar items from Canada if they exist. I have identified a few such things which will have to be expanded with input from others on this side.

I recommend using the original organization. I recommend including the edits and new items included in this version, but where needed include Canadian input. I recommend adding a Carp story/picture box – maybe on the success of keeping the invasion front back in the Mississippi? We will need to get some more input/review on this side.

Gavin

From: Turner, Todd [mailto:todd_turner@fws.gov]
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I made a couple edits to the paragraph that Mike referenced to better reflect this summer's work on barge entrainment. Mike's other edits look good. If you still would like a story box on Asian carp, we can certainly develop one. It may be beneficial to this document to do so.

Let me know if you need anything further.

Todd

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On Tue, Jun 28, 2016 at 11:41 AM, Hoff, Michael <michael_hoff@fws.gov> wrote:

Todd and Gavin, attached is the draft with my recommended changes.

Todd, note on page 4 the following text, as I edited it. Is this text correct?

- "The risk of barge shipping-related transport of fishes, within the Chicago Area Waterway System, was evaluated, and the resulting report delivered to the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee. Results indicate that free-swimming fish, both wild fish and fish placed in and around barges by researchers, can remain between barges for substantial distances. In one trial, live fish were transported more than nine miles on the Illinois River through Brandon Road Pool, Lockport Lock, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers' electric dispersal barriers. **Improvements in barge operation best management practices are being pursued to reduce this risk.**"

On Tue, Jun 28, 2016 at 10:03 AM, Kumar, Ashij (EC) <ashij.kumar@canada.ca> wrote:

Gavin, Todd/Mike.. at the Secretariat level we've taken a look at your AIS Progress Report of the Parties chapter and there's been a suggestion to some re-ordering to the chapter. Primarily to start with reporting on some of the commitments that led into the AIS EDRR initiative (which would be the last section of reporting before starting to talk about the Domestic Actions). There was also a suggestion to profile / highlight Asian carp work as a "special focus", which pulled your related Asian carp bullets into this section – this could be in a graphical text box to give it further prominence.

I've attached a draft of this new version (note that the movement of the various pieces of text were not tracked to make it more readable).

Can you please let us know today if possibly whether you're ok with this new draft (given it looks very different than your original draft); or whether you'd prefer that we stick with your original draft? If we do stick with your original draft there still may be an Asian carp "story box" added which tells a bit of a story about the issue and what the parties are doing in a concise way to give it some prominence.

Ash

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